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SUBJECT: GAMBIANS EXPRESS RESENTMENT OF NIGERIAN BULLYING IN
AFRICA

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1. REFTEL REPORTED GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF WESTERN
RESPONSE TO SHABA II, AND GENERAL GOTG AGREEMENT WITH OTHER
AFRICAN MODERATES THAT SOVIET/CUBA MILITARY ACTIVITIES ARE
DESTABILIZING.

2. SINCE NIGERIA APPARENTLY HAS THE OPPOSITE POINT OF VIEW,
I WISH TO REPORT CONVERSATION I HAD WITH PRESIDENT JAWARA
AND HIS ENTOURAGE DURING LONG AIRPORT STOP AT ALBANY,
GEORGIA ON JUNE 3. JAWARA SAID THAT NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC
AGGRESSIVENESS IS BEGINNING TO TURN OFF AN INCREASING NUMBER
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OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. JAWARA SAID THAT NIGERIA'S SUCCESS-
FUL EFFORT TO OVERTURN OAU DECISION TO ELECT NIGER TO
SECURITY COUNCIL LAST YEAR, WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE
PROCESS. MORE RECENTLY, OAU VOTED TO SUPPORT GAMBIA'S
CANDIDACY FOR THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. NIGERIA
CHALLENGED THIS DECISION AS WELL, AND PRESENTED ITS
OWN CANDIDACY. BUT THIS TIME NIGERIA WAS DEFEATED.

JAWARA POINTED TO THIS EXAMPLE AS A SIGN THAT NIGERIA'S ARROGANCE IS DEFINITELY HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT, AND THAT NIGERIA IS STEADILY LOSING THE INFLUENCE IN AFRICA IT SHOULD NORMALLY HAVE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTED TO NOTE THIS POINT OF VIEW FROM AN ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN GOVERNMENT JUST WHEN SENEGAL AND OTHER FRANCOPHONES ARE TRYING TO ENHANCE COOPERATION WITH NIGERIA IN THE ECOWAS CONTEXT. IT IS ALSO REFRESHING TO NOTE THAT NIGERIA'S ARROGANCE IS UNIVERSAL, AND NOT JUST DIRECTED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES #
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